

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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RE: Children and Adolescents Served in School Based Programs

This week's PIP extends an analysis of the growth in school-based mental health services that was published in July, 2000 (<http://www.ddmhs.state.vt.us/docs/pips/2000/pip072100.pdf>). The findings reported here are based on analysis of Quarterly and Monthly Service Report data sets submitted to DMH by designated community service providers. School-based services, in these analyses, are defined to include services reported to DMH with a school program code, a school location code, and/or a school cost center code. The original analysis was prompted by a request from the Agency of Human Services. The current analysis was prompted by a request from Charlie Biss, Director of the DMH Child, Adolescent and Family Unit. Please remember that the Vermont Performance Indicator Project welcomes requests for information from all interested parties.

As you will see, there has been substantial growth in the number and proportion of CMHC Children's Services clients who receive school-based services during the ten years covered by this report. The number of young people served by school-based programs increased from 1,630 in 1995 to almost 5,000 in 2004. As a proportion of all children and adolescents served by Children's Services Programs, children served in school-based programs increased from 27% in 1995 to 49% in 2004. However, this growth was not experienced equally in all parts of the state. The number with school-based services in Lamoille County, for instance, remained fairly consistent during 1995 through 2000, and then increased dramatically in 2003 and 2004. The number served in Rutland County peaked in 1996 and 1997, but then decreased to about half that level in subsequent years. The number served in Bennington County, increased dramatically in 2000, but has decreased substantially during every subsequent year. Most other regions experienced relatively consistent increases in the number of young people who received school-based services during the period under examination.

We look forward to your comments, your interpretation of the findings, and your requests for further analysis of these data. As always, you can reach us at PIP@vdh.state.vt.us or 802-241-2638.

Children's Services Programs
Children Served By School-based Mental Health Programs
FY 1995-FY2004

Total Number Served By School-Based Programs

Region/Provider	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Addison - CSAC	134	146	132	167	213	209	246	276	375	354
Northwest - NCSS	94	94	91	120	140	272	362	438	483	529
Chittenden - HCHS	42	292	376	353	567	590	679	755	828	899
Lamoille - LCMHS	53	43	32	59	49	42	0	27	312	353
Southeast - HCRSSV	683	699	831	725	799	958	829	952	1,130	1,173
Northeast - NEK	140	356	407	514	538	560	532	566	556	575
Orange - CMC	46	131	210	229	195	247	248	284	300	253
Rutland - RACS	193	253	243	118	108	143	129	97	126	137
Bennington - UCS	42	25	72	48	44	169	147	131	99	64
Washington - WCMHS	203	235	201	188	194	281	334	307	400	403
- NFI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	169	178	200
Total	1,630	2,274	2,595	2,521	2,847	3,471	3,506	4,002	4,787	4,940

Percent of Total Provider Caseload Served By School-Based Programs

Region/Provider	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Addison - CSAC	17%	18%	19%	26%	29%	27%	30%	29%	44%	41%
Northwest - NCSS	17%	17%	18%	25%	26%	36%	46%	51%	52%	47%
Chittenden - HCHS	6%	30%	36%	34%	46%	46%	43%	44%	51%	57%
Lamoille - LCMHS	32%	25%	16%	26%	29%	20%	0%	12%	57%	65%
Southeast - HCRSSV	59%	53%	58%	53%	61%	65%	68%	73%	72%	69%
Northeast - NEK	21%	43%	47%	53%	53%	58%	55%	56%	53%	56%
Orange - CMC	13%	27%	40%	42%	37%	39%	26%	55%	51%	47%
Rutland - RACS	29%	33%	35%	19%	15%	21%	18%	14%	15%	15%
Bennington - UCS	14%	6%	15%	10%	9%	30%	26%	24%	18%	12%
Washington - WCMHS	36%	39%	35%	36%	34%	40%	47%	43%	52%	53%
- NFI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61%	68%	49%
Total	27%	32%	36%	35%	38%	42%	40%	45%	50%	49%

The number of young people served is obtained from quarterly and monthly service reports submitted by Vermont's community service providers. School services include services reported under school program codes or cost center codes that are provided to young people with a primary program assignment of Children's Services.



